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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of March 29, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 29, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.